

# BACK TO SCHOOL: EPINEPHRINE IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

## BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

- Collaborate with school administrators and health suite personnel to update school's Undesignated Epinephrine Auto-Injector (UEA) Plan and submit to the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Allergy Management Team at **OSSE.Epi@dc.gov**.
- Ensure two staff members, besides the school nurse, complete the OSSE Epinephrine Administration Training.
- Stock two undesignated epinephrine auto-injectors of each dose in an easily accessible location.
- Hang posters describing the major food allergens, the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis and emergency protocols in classrooms and areas where food is served or consumed.
- Share school's UEA plan with school staff, substitute teachers and classroom volunteers.
- Share school's food allergy policies and practices with families.
- Ask parents of students with known food allergies to submit an **Action Plan for Anaphylaxis** along with their **Universal Health Certificate**.
- Share information about students with food allergies with all staff members who need to know, and ensure the information is shared confidentially according to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

## WHEN SCHOOL STARTS

- Support practices that protect and promote the health of students with food allergies across the school environment, including before- and after-school activities and during transportation of students.
- Encourage students and staff to wash their hands properly with soap and water before and after eating or handling food to remove allergens. Plain water and hand sanitizers do not effectively remove food allergens.
- Clean and sanitize with soap and water or all-purpose cleaning agents any surface that comes into contact with food.
- Enforce school rules that prohibit discrimination and bullying as they relate to students with food allergies.



Questions? Contact OSSE Allergy Management Team at **OSSE.Epi@dc.gov**.